

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 97
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Requested by Senator David Wanzenried

For the Senate Natural Resources Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 9.

Strike: "75-11-308,"

2. Page 5, line 18.

Strike: "the board determines"

Strike: "or will receive"

3. Page 5, line 19.

Following: "insurer"

Insert: "or other third party"

4. Page 7.

Strike: line 5 through line 7

Insert: "(6)(a) In addition to any other rights of the board, the board has a right of action to receive reimbursement from the fund against any third party who was liable to an owner or operator in contract, tort, or otherwise for a release at the time the release was discovered or at any time after the discovery of the release. The board's right of reimbursement includes the costs it has paid from the fund under 75-11-313(3) for the release, including the costs of administration and attorney fees and costs the board incurs in enforcing its right of action.

(b) The board has until January 1, 2015, to commence actions for reimbursement for costs paid by the board prior to January 1, 2010.

(c) For costs paid by the board after January 1, 2010, the board has 8 years from the date of payment to commence an action for reimbursement. Venue for the board's right of reimbursement is in the county where the release occurred or in Lewis and Clark County."

5. Page 7, line 13 through page 8, line 14.

Strike: section 3 in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent sections

6. Page 11, line 3.

Strike: "30"

Insert: "120"

Following: the second "the"

Insert: "board's"

7. Page 11, line 4.

Following: "mail."

Insert: "The notice of determination must advise the owner or operator of the 120-day time limit for submitting a written request for a hearing to the board. Not less than 50 days or more than 60 days after the board serves the notice of determination, the board shall serve on the owner or operator a second notice by certified mail advising the owner or operator of the deadline for requesting a hearing."

8. Page 11, line 6.

Strike: "30"

Insert: "120"

9. Page 11, line 9.

Strike: "30"

Insert: "120"

10. Page 12, line 18.

Strike: "(1)"

11. Page 12, line 20 through line 21.

Strike: subsection (2) in its entirety

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